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SUBJECT: AMERICAN HOSPITAL PROJECT

1. SUMMARY: GOT HAS REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO PROJECT HOPE FEASIBILITY STUDY FAVORING CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN-TYPE TEACHING HOSPITAL AT MONASTIR AND DESIRES PRESS AHEAD. MINISTER OF HEALTH M'ZALI HAS TOLD DR. WALSH GOT HAS FUNDS, INCLUDING UNDERTAKING FROM PERSIAN GULF OIL PRODUCER, BUT AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK TO ASCERTAIN FROM M'ZALI EXACT EXTENT OF ASSURED FUNDING. IF SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING REQUIRED, EMBASSY WILL HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPT. RE HOW USG MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PURCHASE OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEBRUARY 15 DR. WALSH, HEAD OF PROJECT HOPE, CALLED ON MINISTER OF HEALTH M'ZALI TO DISCUSS PROJECT HOPE FEASIBILITY STUDY RE CONSTRUCTION AMERICAN-TYPE HOSPITAL. (STUDY WAS PRESENTED TO GOT LAST WEEK, AND WE UNDERSTAND WALSH HAS SENT COPY DIRECTLY TO NEA/AFN). WALSH INFORMED US THAT M'ZALI IS EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT STUDY FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN-TYPE TEACHING HOSPITAL IN MONASTIR. GOT HAS NOTED STUDY ESTIMATES TOTAL COST OF PROPOSED 350 BED HOSPITAL AT \$20.72 MILLION, OF WHICH \$12.6 MILLION IS FOR CONSTRUCTION, \$4.76 MILLION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR EQUIPMENT AND \$3.36 MILLION FOR OTHER COSTS. ANNUAL

OPERATING COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$6.9 MILLION PER YEAR FOR NEXT TWENTY YEARS.

3. ACCORDING TO WALSH, M'ZALI SAID THAT PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAS INSTRUCTED M'ZALI TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT. M'ZALI TOLD WALSH "WE WANT YOU TO GO AHEAD." WALSH REPLIED THAT BEFORE GOING FURTHER IT IS NECESSARY HAVE ASSURANCES THAT ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. WITHOUT MENTIONING NAME OF COUNTRY, M'ZALI SAID THAT GOT EXPECTS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM PERSIAN GULF OIL PRODUCER.

4. WHILE WALSH INDICATED TO US THAT NEXT STEP IS TO OBTAIN SERVICES OF ARCHITECT -- ASSUMING FUNDING IS AVAILABLE -- FEASIBILITY STUDY ITSELF RECOMMENDS FURTHER STUDIES BE MADE BEFORE DESIGN CONTRACT NEGOTIATED. WE PRESUME THAT WALSH WILL BE LOOKING INTO THIS FURTHER AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

5. IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN MORE PRECISELY RESOURCES WHICH GOT IS PREPARED AND ABLE TO MARSHAL, AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING TO CALL ON MINISTER M'ZALI WHEN LATTER RETURNS FROM CURRENT TRIP OUT OF COUNTRY END OF THIS MONTH. THIS HOPEFULLY WILL ELICIT MORE PRECISE INFORMATION AS TO HOW MUCH FUNDING GOT CAN MAKE AVAILABLE. IF SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCING IS REQUIRED, WE WILL HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT RE HOW USG MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PURCHASE OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.
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